

# Tips for Creating a Peaceful Classroom



1. Have a genuine interest in your students.  
Greet students at the door.  
Learn about student's culture(s).  
Be aware of teen slang terms.  
Offer praise and encouragement frequently.  
Attend to students as individuals, not just to the class as a whole.
2. Communicate classroom rules clearly.  
Enforce rules fairly and consistently.  
Consider each incidents unique circumstances while making disciplined-related decisions.
3. Be objective, not judgmental.  
Try to adopt the student's perspective.  
Look at issues from a variety of perspectives.
4. Show that you are human.  
Be prepared to admit your mistakes.  
Use humor, when appropriate.
5. Minimize the power differential in everyday communication.  
Sitting behind a podium can send the message that you want to create some distance between yourself and students.
6. Address problem behavior directly and immediately.  
Unresolved conflicts and issues resurface.  
Addressing a problem early lessens the chance that it will expand.
7. Adopt a collaborative approach.  
Maximize student opportunities for choices within the classroom.  
Consider the perspective that this is "our" classroom, not "my" classroom.  
Actively solicit students' opinions.